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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS SECRETARY'S PARTY FOR DAY AND, IF
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SUBJECT: LEBANESE SITUATION

REF PARIS 2127 BEIRUT 707 (NOTAL)

1. WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY ANNOUNCEMENT FROM "AUTHORIZED
FRENCH SOURCES" ON LEBANESE RADIO AND PRESS HERE THAT
FRANCE WILL COMPLETELY SUPPORT APPLICATION OF SYRIAN-

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LEBANESE PALESTINIAN AGREEMENT AND THAT "EXPLORATORY"

MISSION OF FON MIN SAUVAGNARGUES NO LONGER HAS A "RAISON D'ETRE" SINCE "THE HOPES FOR SUCCESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AND IN ACHIEVEMENT OF AN AGREEMENT HAVE NOT BEEN DECEIVED". I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO REACH FRENCH EMBASSY TO CONFIRM, BUT ASSUME THIS POSITION WAS AUTHORIZED BY PARIS. I BELIEVE SUCH STATEMENT IS EXACTLY WHAT IS NEEDED AT PRESENT JUNCTURE HERE. CEASEFIRE IS HOLDING FOR LONGER PERIOD THAN ANY CEASEFIRE IN RECENT MEMORY BUT ISOLATED SHOOTING CONTINUES AND WE WOULD WISH TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO AVOID RAISING POLITICAL HOPES ON CHRISTIAN RIGHT WHICH COULD LEAD TO FAILURE OF AGREEMENT.

2. ASSUME THIS FRENCH POSITION POSTDATES AND SUPPLEMENTS EFFORTS ON PART OF ELYSEE MENTIONED IN REFTEL A. WE URGE THAT SECRETARY IN MEETING WITH SAUVAGNARGUES ASK FRENCH GOVT TO HOLD OFF ON ANY CONTACTS WITH ARAB GOVTS SUCH AS EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA ON ALTERNATIVE PLAN, AT LEAST UNTIL WE SEE HOW THIS AGREEMENT GOES.

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